

Provider Update – April 2006

Mid-Quarter Instructions-- Routine or Recurring Items

Listed below are instructions for the April Quarter that will not be released by April 3, 2006. Due to the nature of these routine or recurring items, a full 90-day advance notice could not be given. Unless noted below, these instructions have an implementation date of July 1, 2006.

SUBJECT	DATE RELEASED
July Quarterly Update for 2006 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule Transmittal 928, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 140 KB)	Released: 04/28/2006 Impl. Date: 07/03/2006
Additional \$50 Payment for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) Transmittal 914, Medicare Claims Processing Manual (PDF - 177 KB)	Released: 04/21/2006 Impl. Date: 05/22/2006
Notice of New Interest Rate for Medicare Overpayments and Underpayments Transmittal 94, Medicare Financial Management Manual (PDF - 117 KB)	Released: 04/17/2006 Impl. Date: 04/24/2006
Managed Care Manual Updates, Pub. No. 100-16	Not Yet Released
Interest Rate CR	Not Yet Released
Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS)	Not Yet Released
Physician Fee Schedule Database Quarterly Update	Not Yet Released
July Quarterly Update for 2006 DME, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Fee Schedule	Not Yet Released
July 2006 Outpatient Prospective Payment System Code Editor (OPPS OCE) Specifications	Not Yet Released
Non-OPPS OCE	Not Yet Released
Addition/Deletion of HCPCS Codes	Not Yet Released
Medicare Zip Code File—Quarterly Update	Not Yet Released
Claims Status Code Update	Not Yet Released
Claim Adjustment Reason and Remark Codes Update	Not Yet Released
Update to Current NUBC Codes	Not Yet Released
Update to List of Waived Tests	Not Yet Released
File Names, Descriptions and Instructions for Retrieving the 2006 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) HCPCS Additions, Deletions and	Not Yet Released

Master List	
Medicare Part B ASP Drug Pricing Files	Not Yet Released
NCD Lab Edit	Not Yet Released
Home Health Consolidated Billing Quarterly Update	Not Yet Released
Inpatient Psychiatry, Prospective Payment System (PPS)	Not Yet Released
Installation of the April 2006 Release of the Home Health Prospective Payment System (HH PPS) Pricer	Not Yet Released
Laboratory Travel Allowance for Specimen Collection	Not Yet Released
Installation of July Pricing Software Containing the Customer Information Control System (CICS) Formatting Update	Not Yet Released
July 2006 Quarterly Update to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Consolidated Billing	Not Yet Released
Lumbar Artificial Disk Replacement	Not Yet Released